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TYPES OF NEW YORK POLITICIANS, SKETCHED ON THE TAMMANY TRAIN.



"MUCH INTIMIDATION," SAYS HENRY GEORGE.

The Journal's Special Commissioner Describes the Situation in Illinois.

By Henry George.
Chicago, Ill., Sept. 15.—In the calculations of politicians, Illinois seems this year to have taken the place of the traditional Keystone State and the "Westward March of the Empire" is at last so visibly seen that Chicago, and not New York, has become the political centre, where all the great parties have their headquarters.
But the impression one gets of what is to be the result in this State depends on the side to which he listens. As never before, politicians are at sea. Party affiliations cannot safely be counted on, and the intensity of feeling makes canvassing uncertain.

I should think, from what I hear, that the State, if the election were to come off now, would be likely to go for Bryan, and that the doubtful point is Cook County; though, if the badness of a local ticket is evidence of the confidence that local politicians have in its election, the Chicago local ticket is said to be bad enough to evince the greatest Democratic certainty. Democrats and Populists have nominated separate tickets.

In the breaking down of party lines, the Republican party is undoubtedly losing most heavily in the agricultural districts, the Democratic in the cities. There is a real and a wide split in the Republican party where its strength was most solid. The silver propaganda had been going on long before it captured the Chicago convention, and the promise of higher prices from free silver is proving much more tempting to the farmers than the ancient bait of higher prices from protection. One hears of Republican silver clubs in all directions, and of Republican localities where they will not listen with patience to a gold orator.

Influence of the Wealthy Class.

The Democratic defections are, of course, of the wealthier class, comparatively small in numbers, but run weighty in influence. And the influence of this wealthier class is being clearly shown in Chicago in outward manifestations of political feeling.

Mr. Bourke Cockran, of New York, in his great speech in the Auditorium last Saturday night, made an effective rhetorical point, which was received with great cheering and round after round of applause, when he arraigned Bryan for saying that workingmen were intimidated by their employers, declaring that if Mr. Bryan knew such intimidation to be a fact, it was his duty as a citizen to have the intimidator punished for his hideous crime.

Innocent Mr. Cockran from guileless New York! Does he not know that when one man holds in his hands the power of permitting another man to get a living, there is no law that can prevent intimidation? I know, from what I learned in far distant places, that there is likely, in the present state of political feeling, to be political intimidation in Chicago. I know as an actual fact that this is the case.

political opinions, and did not dare let it be known that they intended to vote for Bryan. And one of them not an hour ago spoke with feeling of his having to join a gold club, for fear of losing his position.

What would have been the use of my prating to these men of the independence of the American citizen and of the inalienable rights of man, still less of talking of getting legal proof of intimidation and having these intimidators prosecuted?

On the contrary, I said, "Don't risk your place if you can help it, for you have a wife and children dependant on you. Thanks to the Australian ballot, you can vote as you please. Ang by and bye, when the single tax comes, men will not have to crowd to get a living."

There Is Much Moral Proof.

If Mr. Cockran would like to know whether there is any intimidation in Chi-

cago I think I can put him in the way of getting moral proof, though perhaps not legal proof, a very different matter.

Mr. Cannon at the Democratic headquarters has noted many cases in which such complaints have been brought to him, and I have had a reliable friend write down for me a number of such cases otherwise obtained.

But what is the use? Intimidation may be conveyed by a wink, a nod. And the best proof that it exists is that men are afraid. A man I know went into one of the big dry goods stores here last week and found one of the salesmen, a friend, wearing conspicuously a nice McKinley button.

"You for McKinley?" he asked.

"Yes," was the reply. "Of course I am for McKinley, ain't you?"

"No; I am for Bryan."

The salesman reached his hand from behind a pile of goods.

"Shake," said he. "There are one hundred and forty-seven of us here wearing McKinley buttons, and all talking for protection and sound money—when strangers are around. But all but three of us will vote for Bryan."

And he called up the floor walker to introduce him to his friend, and the floor walker shook hands and repeated the statement.

One does not hear such stories in the clubs and the boulevard houses, but he does when workingmen meet.

Afraid to Refuse to Go to Canton.

Putty sleeping coaches loaded with railway men leave here Friday evening to go to Canton to pay their respects to Major McKinley—great demonstration of labor.

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THACHER PROBABLY THE NOMINEE FOR GOVERNOR.

H. W. Cornell Declares, However, That It Will Be Congressman Sulzer.

Buffalo, Sept. 15.—State Chairman Hinkley to-night said: John Boyd Thacher seems

to be the only likely candidate for the gubernatorial nomination. Mr. Thacher is acceptable to the delegates from all parts of the State. The field is practically unoccupied, save for Mr. Thacher's presence. Brooklyn does not seem disposed to present Mr. Ridgway's name, and Tammany is not backing Mr. Sulzer.

Mr. McClelland, of Westchester, seems to me the man who will get second place. There has been some talk of General Isaac Catlin, of Brooklyn, as a candidate for Lieutenant-Governor, but I cannot see that the General has much chance.

Personally I shall be very glad to retire from the chairmanship of the State Committee. The position necessitates much hard work, and takes time that I need for my private business interests. I should have retired nine months ago had not several friends asked me to stay.

Buffalo, Sept. 15.

My judgment is that Mr. Sulzer will be nominated for Governor on the first ballot. The support accorded him by the delegates from the central and western portions of the States surprises even his most sanguine friends.

The convention to-morrow will be controlled by the Democrats. The Chicago nominees and platform will be indorsed and Mr. Sulzer nominated—not only as a vindication of the manly course he has pursued since the Chicago Convention, but as an expression of the sin-



WHY WILL HE WAIT TILL IT BREAKS?